



# AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

## Population: Questions on School Enrollment (P-10a-b)

### FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

- The Department of Education (DOEd) uses these data to develop adult education and literacy programs based on the number of individuals with limited English proficiency.
- The DOEd also uses these data to allocate funds for educational services and class size reduction.
- The Department of Justice uses these data in the enforcement work against discrimination in education.
- Local school districts, colleges, and universities use this information to determine the number of students in an area and to plan for school growth and teacher recruitment.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

### QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

**10** a. At any time **IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS**, has this person attended regular school or college? *Include only nursery or preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, and schooling which leads to a high school diploma or a college degree.*

☐ No, has not attended in the last 3 months → *SKIP* to question 11

☐ Yes, public school, public college

☐ Yes, private school, private college

b. What grade or level was this person attending? Mark (X) **ONE** box.

☐ Nursery school, preschool

☐ Kindergarten

☐ Grade 1 to grade 4

☐ Grade 5 to grade 8

☐ Grade 9 to grade 12

☐ College undergraduate years (freshman to senior)

☐ Graduate or professional school (for example: medical, dental, or law school)

### EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ABOUT SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

- No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
- Indian Health Care Improvement Act
- Class Size Reduction Program

<[www.census.gov/acs/www](http://www.census.gov/acs/www)>

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### HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT QUESTION

- The question on school enrollment has been asked since 1850.
- The school enrollment question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

### WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The question on school enrollment determines whether an individual is enrolled in a regular school or college and whether the type of school is public or private. It measures school participation, primarily for the younger population. School enrollment is asked as a separate concept from educational attainment to preserve the accuracy of the data.

### WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

### HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

**<[www.census.gov/acs/www](http://www.census.gov/acs/www)>**

and American FactFinder at

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